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SUBJ: GAO SURVEY - POPULATION ASSISTANCE PROJECT

REF: (A) GAO EUROPEAN OFFICE LETTER NUMBER LETTER NUMBER 47452

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1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED LETTER (REF A) AND ARE SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT PLANNED GAO VISIT WOULD INCLUDE FOUR MEN FOR FOUR WEEKS, A TOTAL OF FOUR MAN MONTHS TO LOOK INTO PROJECT WHICH IS NOT LARGE. WE BELIEVE THIS IS IN EXCESS OF TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE ASSIGNMENT. UN AND OTHER DONOR ASSISTANCE TO POPULATION SECTOR HAS BEEN LIMITED. HOWEVER, JOINT UNFPA/SIDA GROUP NOW COMPLETING POPULATION PROGRAM ASSESSMENT WHICH MAY LEAD TO FURTHER ASSISTANCE. US PROGRAM IS WELL-DOCUMENTED. THEREFORE IT IS VIEW OF EMBASSY AND AID MISSION THAT GAO TEAM SHOULD CONSIDER SHORTEN VISIT IN VIEW OF LIMITED NON-US ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IN GHANA.

2. MUST CAUTION GAO THAT PROPOSED IN-DEPTH SURVEY BY EXTERNAL AGENCY OF POPULATION PROGRAM IN PRO-NATALIST CULTURE (POPULATION POLICY NOTWITHSTANDING) MOST SENSITIVE ISSUE. UNFPA/SIDA POPULATION ASSESSMENT AT SPECIFIC REQUEST GOG AND OTHER EXTERNAL  
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ASSESSMENT MAY BE VIEWED BY GOG AS DUPLICATIVE THEREFORE EXTENT

GOG COOPERATION/ASSISTANCE MAY BE LIMITED. US MISSION WILL MAKE BEST EFFORTS BRING ABOUT BEST POSSIBLE CLIMATE FOR TEAM VISIT.

3. ACCOMMODATION SECURED HOTEL CONTINENTAL. DR. J.S. PRINCE, USAID HEALTH, POPULATION, AND NUTRITION OFFICER WILL SERVE AS MISSION CONTROL OFFICER DURING VISIT. GAO TEMA SHOULD BE PREPARED RENT VEHICLE DURING VISIT DUE SHORTAGE OFFICIAL VEHICLES.

4. FOR AF/W: PLEASE INFORM AMBASSADOR BLACK OF FOREGOING. VISIT OF GAO TEAM WILL OVERLAP WITH POST INSPECTION.  
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